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FOLLOWING REPEAT CALCUTTA 0527 SENT ACTION NEW DELHI  
INFO BOMBAY/DACCA/KATHMANDU/MADRAS 01 MAR 76.

QUOTE:

C O N F I D E N T I A L CALCUTTA 0527

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS, PORS

SUBJ: NAXALITE JAIL BREAK

1. WEST GERMAN CONSULAR OFFICER WHO WAS ATPRESIDENCY JAIL  
MARCH 1 FOR VISIT TO ONE OF HIS NATIONALS SERVING SENTENCE  
THERE TELLS US THAT ALL PERSONNEL AT THE JAIL HAVE BEEN CHANGED  
AND THAT SECURITY WAS EXTREMELY TIGHT BOTH INSIDE THE JAIL AND  
IN THE SURROUNDING AREA; IT LOOKED LIKE AN ENTIRELY DIFFERENT  
PLACE. AFTER ARRIVAL AT JAIL HE HAD TO WAIT ONE HOUR BEFORE HIS  
NATIONAL WAS PRODUCED FOR INTERVIEW, WHEREAS PREVIOUS WAITING  
TIME WAS TWENTY TO THIRTY MINUTES AT MOST.

2. CRIMINAL LAWYER WHO HAS SEVERAL CLIENTS AT PRESIDENCY SAYS  
LAWYERS ARE NOT RPT NOT BEING ALLOWED TO VISIT CLIENTS AT  
PRESIDENCY ANY LONGER AND THAT SECURITY FORCES ARE LIMITING  
ADMISSION TO AREA AROUND JAIL TO RESIDENTS AND OFFICIAL PER-  
SONNEL ONLY. LAWYER SAYS AN OFFICIAL "PALL OF SILENCE" HAS BEEN  
CAST OVER THE ENTIRE MATTER OF THE FEBRUARY 24 JAILBREAK.

3. ONE OF OUR LOCAL EMPLOYEES HAS GOTTEN FROM A SOURCE CONNECTED  
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WITH THE WEST BENGAL PRISONS SYSTEM AN ACCOUNT OF THE FEBRUARY

24 BREAKOUT FROM PRESIDENCY WHICH CONFORMS IN ITS MAIN LINES WITH THAT REPORTED CALCUTTA 500 (WHICH WAS RECEIVED FROM AN ENTIRELY SEPARATE SOURCE). MAIN VARIATION FROM STORY REPORTED CALCUTTA 500 IS THAT ABOUT TWELVE PRISONERS ESCAPED THROUGH THE FRONT ENTRANCE OF THE JAIL WHILE THE REMAINDER FLED THROUGH A HOLE BLASTED IN PRISON WALL WHILE NAXALITES OUTSIDE THE JAIL COVERED THEM WITH AUTOMATIC WEAPON FIRE AT GUARD TOWERS. THIS MOST RECENT SOURCE CONFIRMS THAT ESCAPEES FLED IN VEHICLES STATIONED NEARBY TO TAKE THEM AWAY.

4. OUR LOCALS ALSO HAVE GOTTEN NAMES OF FOUR PERSONS DESCRIBED AS WELL KNOWN NAXALITE FIGURES WHO WERE AMONG THOSE WHO ESCAPED FROM PRESIDENCY: KANU SANYAL, JANGAL SANTHAL, ASHIM CHATTERJEE, AND SANTOSH RANA.

5. RUMOR OF ARREST OF P.R. DAS MUNSHI TURNS OUT TO BE FALSE FOR NOW. DAS MUNSHI WAS SEEN OVER THE WEEKEND GIVING A SPEECH AT A POLITICAL RALLY IN WHICH HE ATTACKED SANJAY GANDHI.  
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